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SYNOPSIS

Establishes regional substance abuse treatment facilities; appropriates \$100 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the establishment of regional substance abuse
2 treatment facilities, supplementing Title 26 of the Revised
3 Statutes and making an appropriation therefor.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with
9 the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall develop
10 regional long-term care facilities and outpatient substance abuse
11 treatment programs to meet the post-acute needs of persons living
12 with HIV/AIDS.

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14 2. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, for the
15 purpose of establishing and funding regional substance abuse
16 treatment facilities, solicit proposals from nonprofit agencies and
17 organizations in the State, including State-licensed health care
18 facilities, with experience in the provision of long-term care or
19 outpatient substance abuse treatment services to meet the post-acute
20 health, social and educational needs of persons living with
21 HIV/AIDS, as provided in section 3 of this act.

22 b. Within the limits of funding available for this purpose, the
23 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and
24 Senior Services, shall select and provide start-up funding for at least
25 three long-term care facilities and three outpatient substance abuse
26 treatment programs, with at least two each in the northern, central
27 and southern areas of the State, respectively, that best meet the
28 purposes of this act.

29 c. The commissioner, subject to the approval of the Director of
30 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
31 Treasury, shall develop a detailed spending plan to provide for
32 ongoing State financial support of the additional substance abuse
33 treatment slots created pursuant to this act. The commissioner shall
34 seek to maximize federal funding for this purpose.

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36 3. a. The commissioner shall require that nonprofit agencies or
37 organizations that submit proposals to provide long-term care
38 treatment pursuant to this act, at a minimum, provide the following
39 services onsite: mental health services; substance abuse treatment
40 and counseling; nursing services; occupational, vocational and
41 physical therapy services; pharmacy services; physician services;
42 podiatry services; clinical laboratory and diagnostic x-ray services;
43 dental services; social work services; speech/language pathology
44 services; activities that include literacy classes; dietary services;
45 and housekeeping services. The commissioner may specify such
46 other services as he deems appropriate to best meet the needs of the
47 population that will be served by the long-term care facility.

48 b. The commissioner shall specify the services that shall be

1 provided by outpatient treatment programs, to best meet the needs
2 of the population that will be served by the program.

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4 4. There is appropriated \$100 million from the General Fund to
5 the Department of Human Services for the purposes of this act. Of
6 this amount, \$10 million shall be allocated for the purpose of
7 providing start-up funds to agencies and organizations to establish
8 regional treatment facilities, and \$90 million shall be allocated to
9 fund the additional substance abuse treatment slots for persons
10 living with HIV/AIDS created pursuant to this act.

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12 5. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt, pursuant
13 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
14 1 et seq.), such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out
15 the provisions of this act.

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17 6. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.
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20 STATEMENT
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22 This bill provides for the establishment of regional long-term
23 care facilities and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs to
24 meet the post-acute needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

25 The bill directs the Commissioner of Human Services to solicit
26 proposals from nonprofit agencies and organizations in the State,
27 including State-licensed health care facilities, with experience in the
28 provision of long-term care or outpatient substance abuse treatment
29 services to meet the post-acute needs of persons living with
30 HIV/AIDS.

31 The bill provides that the commissioner, in consultation with the
32 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall select and
33 provide start-up funding for at least three long-term care facilities
34 and three outpatient substance abuse treatment programs, with at
35 least two each in the northern, central and southern areas of the
36 State, respectively, that best meet the purposes of this bill. The bill
37 provides an appropriation of \$10 million for this purpose.

38 The bill also provides that the commissioner, subject to the
39 approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting,
40 shall develop a detailed spending plan to provide for ongoing State
41 financial support of the additional substance abuse treatment slots
42 created pursuant to this bill. The bill provides an appropriation of
43 \$90 million for the purpose of funding the additional treatment
44 slots.

45 Nonprofit agencies or organizations that submit proposals to
46 provide long-term care treatment will be required, at a minimum, to
47 provide the following services onsite: mental health services;
48 substance abuse treatment and counseling; nursing services;

1 occupational, vocational and physical therapy services; pharmacy
2 services; physician services; podiatry services; clinical laboratory
3 and diagnostic x-ray services; dental services; social work services;
4 speech/language pathology services; activities that include literacy
5 classes; dietary services; and housekeeping services. The bill also
6 directs the commissioner to specify the services that must be
7 provided by outpatient treatment programs, in order to best meet the
8 needs of the population that will be served by those programs.

9 The long-term care substance abuse treatment program
10 established in this bill is modeled after the successful program of
11 the Broadway House for Continuing Care in Newark, which was
12 established in 1995 as a specialized long-term care facility.
13 Broadway House is currently the State's only specialized care
14 facility designed to meet the post-acute needs of people living with
15 HIV/AIDS. Broadway House provides care and intensive
16 management in the following disciplines: nursing, social services,
17 recreational programs and spiritual activities. It is the intent of
18 the sponsor that the program established at Broadway House be
19 extended to other areas of the State so that our State residents with
20 HIV/AIDS will be able to access needed substance abuse treatment
21 and long-term care services throughout the State.